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4 - Dr. Wilhelm RUTTL

Dr. Wilhelm RUTTL as a representative or leading member of a US intelligence in Austria would at least still shock local authorities, and would have to face considerable difficulties. RUTTL was a former member of an underground Nazi intelligence (prior to 1938) and is known to Austrian authorities as former high ranking SS officer in Vienna. His intelligence activities in those days were centered on foreign affairs. RUTTL's name was widely advertised by the press in connection with the 'Oberweis meeting' (June 1947). His past makes it most unlikely that Austrian authorities would dare to work with him.

5 - Dr. Karl WINKLER

WINKLER was another member of Nazi underground intelligence prior to 1938. After this he worked for the 'Abwehr' in different German occupied territories. He claims to have cooperated with a circle of anti-Nazi industrialists who allegedly were backing the abortive attempt on HITLER (July 1944). After this he is said to have joined a minor resistance group in Vienna for the benefit of which he supposedly made trips to Switzerland. His opposition to Hitler has two reasons firstly by his character (he is a professional anti-semitism in a political cause) secondly WINKLER is a pupil and political follower of professor Oskar SPANN, a well known economic scientist and the brain of a Viennese conservative but nationalistic political group. The SPANN circle collaborated with the British. After World War II WINKLER was directly connected with British intelligence and as of 1946 also with French secret service (captain GALLIEN), finally he took up connections with US intelligence. When he realized that he might expect trouble from Austria's side he got closely connected with CIA. His cover, the 'Osterreichische Handelskammer' is a British influenced firm. His reputation is contradictory.

6 - Fritz MULDEN

Fritz MULDEN is the son of the well known editor of the Viennese daily the 'Presse' Dr. Ernst MULDEN a victim of racial discrimination during Nazi regime. His mother Paula MULDEN FREIBERGOWICZ is a well known author. In 1948 Fritz MULDEN married the daughter of Mr. Allen DULLES. He then became assistant press attaché with the Austrian Legation in USA. With his brother Dr. Otto MULDEN he joined the 'Osterreich' a new political and intellectual group. In Viennese political circles Fritz MULDEN is rather disliked, he is considered too young to be as high ranked and connected as he is. Politically well informed circles who have kept an eye on Fritz MULDEN's activities are convinced that intelligence connections have existed between Fritz MULDEN and Dr. RUTTL during the last months of the war. In spite of an ostentatious and purposeful friendship existing between Fritz MULDEN and foreign minister Dr. SCHUSNER the latter has repeatedly given expression to a rather poor opinion about MULDEN. It has also been said that MULDEN formerly editor and now manager of the 'Presse' has used and still uses confidential material for publication.